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Elizabeth W. Mata Hamilton, Brook, Smith & Reynolds, P.C. 530 Virginia Road P.O. Box 9133 Concord, MA 01742-9133 In Re: Patent Term Extension
Application for
U.S. Patent No. 5,218,108

Dear Ms. Mata:

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. § 156(e)(2) is enclosed extending the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,218,108 for a period of one year. While a courtesy copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), you should directly correspond with the FDA regarding any required changes to the patent expiration dates set forth in the Patent and Exclusivity Data Appendix of the Orange Book (Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations) or in the Patent Information set forth in the Green Book (FDA Approved Animal Drug Products). Effective August 18, 2003, patent submissions for publication in the Orange Book and Docket *95S-0117 need to be submitted on form FDA-3542 which may be downloaded from FDA's Electronic Forms Download Website: http://www.fda.gov/opacom/morechoices/fdaforms/default.html (http://www.fda.gov/opacom/morechoices/fdaforms/FDA-3542.pdf).

Inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned by telephone at (571) 272-7755, or by e-mail at mary.till@uspto.gov.

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RE: VOLUVEN® (6% hydroxyethyl starch 130/0.4 in 0.9% sodium chloride injection)

Docket No.: FDA-

Attention: Beverly Friedman

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Fresenius Kabi Deutschland GmbH Request for Patent Term Extension U.S. Patent No. 5,218,108

ORDER GRANTING INTERIM EXTENSION

Fresenius Kabi Deutschland GmbH, the owner of record in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) of U.S. Patent No. 5,218,108, filed an application for patent term extension under 35 U.S.C. § 156 on February 21, 2008. The extended term of the patent is due to expire on June 8, 2011. The patent claims the active ingredient 6% hydroxyethyl starch 130/0.4 in 0.9% sodium chloride injection in the human drug product VOLUVEN® which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for commercial marketing or use on December 27, 2007. An extension of 1,371 days is requested.

The initial USPTO review of the application to date indicates that the subject patent is eligible for extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. § 156. A final determination of the length of the extension of the patent term and issuance of a patent term extension certificate cannot be made until a final determination of the length of the regulatory review period is made. Because the extended term of the patent would expire before a certificate of patent term extension can be issued, an interim extension of the patent term is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. § 156(e)(2) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,218,108 is granted for a period of one year from the extended expiration date of the patent.

David J. Kappas

June 8, 2011

Date

David J. Kappos

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office